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Choosing Peace

Lawrence Mosqueda

When the attacks on the World Trade Center occurred last September 11th, the world suffered from shock and horror, at not only the enormity of the crimes, but also the possible reaction from the American government as the Bush administration prepared to begin a war rather than pursue criminals. Numerous volumes have been written about the events of 9/11 and thousands of articles and analysis have been done over the past year. The mainstream media from the *New York Times* (with some late exceptions) to the *Olympian* to the talk show pundits have largely been cheerleaders for the illegal Bush administration. Reporter Dan Rather stating early after 9/11 that "George Bush is the president, He makes the decisions and wherever he wants me to line up, just tell me where."

There were and are, however, a great deal of other sources of information available, if one searches them out. The lies get delivered to your door (*New York Times* and *Olympian*, etc.) but you need to work to search out the "truth" or more accurate information. In Olympia there are a great number of people who do search out the truth and then act upon it. For the past few months, several representatives of many peace and justice activist groups, both religious and secular have been meeting to plan and coordinate events around the commemoration of the first anniversary of 9/11, so that it will not be dominated by the self -congratulatory, self-indulgent, jingoist messages which are sure to come from government and corporate sources.

The events during September and October this year in the Olympia area are the result of a broad-based coalition of local community activists who wish to provide alternative venues and more accurate information for local residents. The schedule for the events is listed elsewhere here in *Works In Progress*, and in an independently published newsletter, as well as other flyers and announcements that will be available over the next two months. Most events are free and open the public and all persons are invited to attend those events in which they have an interest.

(Since the coalition is quite broad based, it should be noted that the views and analysis presented in this article are those of the author, and all may not be shared by all coalition participants or their organizations).

CHOOSING PEACE as an concept would appear to be as natural a selec-

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WROC: Who's Responsibility Is It?

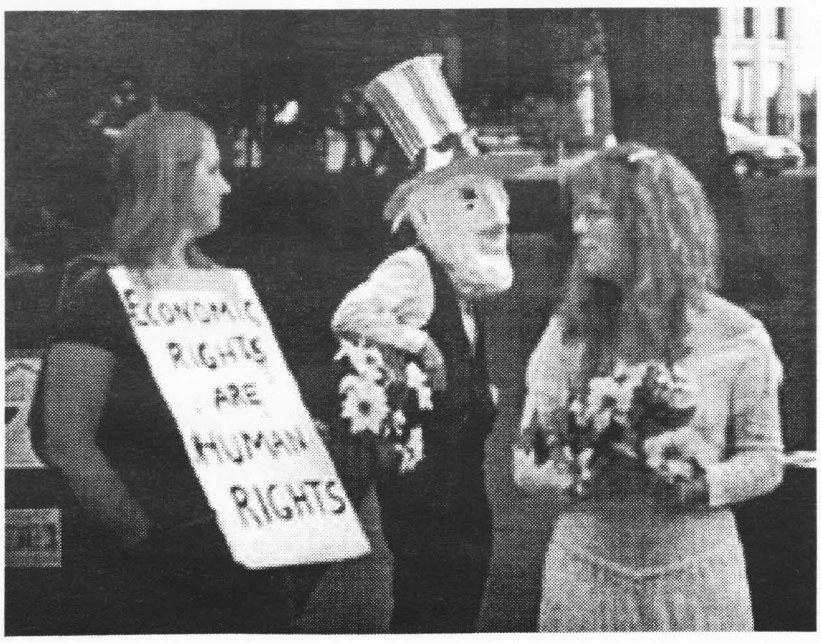
WIP News Service

WROC, the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, is a non-profit, grassroots organization made up of low-income parents throughout the state of Washington. We organize to affect economic and social justice by educating and empowering low-income people, especially those who receive public assistance, to effect positive change in their communities and their lives.

On Aug. 22, the 6th anniversary of Clinton's welfare reform program, The Personal Responsibility Act, WROC held "Who's Responsibility Is It?" a public event is Sylvester Park..

We started by serving up ice cream, lemonade and popcorn. Children enjoyed face painting, bubbles, and drawing while their parents took in the resource fair. Children broke open piñatas which illustrated our frustrations with welfare reform: a clock symbolizing the five year time limit on welfare, a pencil to protest our limited access to education and wedding rings, illustrating our frustration with politicians who want to meddle in our personal lives.

Next, WROC members staged a piece of street theatre in protest of President Bush's $400 million program for welfare recipients who get married. Participants marched down the isle in wedding garb while Brie Jordan-Cooley, dressed as Uncle Sam, milled ominously, passing out meager dollars, even going



so far as to stuff a handful down the startled bride's dress back. WROC member Carrie Day presided over the couple, reading a script decrying the government's intrusion into personal family matters. The disillusioned bride and groom then threw their celebratory cake at Uncle Sam, refusing his marriage money. The scene attracted passersbys who participated in a discussion of family politics with the cast.

The Citizen's Band then kicked off a blast of original music and Dana Lyons covers. Their pithy political lyrics had the crowd smiling, and some got up to dance.

As it got dark, local film maker Mike Cousino, set up a film projector and big screen. Families settled in with blankets and popcorn to watch *The Adventures of Frog and Toad.*

Thank You to Top Foods, Albertsons, The Olympia Film Society, The Olympia Food Coop, The Mary Sheridan Foundation , and Traditions Café for your donations and thanks to community members who pitched in to make this event a success and thanks to Carl Cook for photographing the event.

Asphalt Plant Still a Possibility!

Friends of Nisqually Valley
"We want a level playing field for the residents"
Fund Raiser # 6
September 24 at 7pm
Steilacoom and Marvin Rd. Fire Hall

Three years ago, residents of Nisqually Valley formed a neighborhood group of several dozen members, called "Friends of Nisqually Valley". We intend to help preserve Nisqually Valley for current and future residents of Puget Sound.

We want to know when Thurston County government is out of harmony with this goal. Specifically, we want the public, including ourselves, to be informed when the county considers allowing industrial development here. We want to know when a county development plan in the valley is out of harmony with the county's own goal of keeping the lower valley a rural pastoral place to live and visit.

In 1992, Thurston County created a plan to set aside the valley as permanent poen space. They did this to conform to the State Growth Management Act. The county spent $2.4 million in taxpayer money to buy farmer development rights to "preserve the rural character of the valley" and made it illegal to subdivide any property five acres or less. This is more than a county issue. State and Federal officials view the valley as a regional resource. They have also invested funds to enhance and preserve the valley.

Here are some recent examples where the county seems to be allowing *resident/business double standard favoritism* that comporomises the preservation goal:

After the flood of 1996 the county wanted to remove sandbags protecting the apartments next to the Nisqually Bridge. This would leave the apartments vulnerable to future flooding. The county's request was ignored. Later, 1997-98, the county rebuilt the bridge on a higher road, protecting the bank using heavy rock armoring, a thing that is not allowed for private property owners.

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Film/discussion
Mindo-Nambio wildlife preserve tree-sit

Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Cafe.

We will be showing a short (10 minute) film on a tree-sit in Mindo, Ecuador to resist the construction of the OCP oil pipeline through one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet, the Mindo-Nambio wildlife preserve. This will be followed by presentations by Branden Wilson, an Olympia citizen who recently returned from six months in Ecuador, and Adam Burger who recently returned from four months in Chile and Ecuador. Branden will speak about this struggle in the context of the Bush administration's current offensive in the Andean region, through the intensification of the dirty-war in Colombia, the coup d'etat in Venezuela, and a stepped up military presence in Ecuador. Adam will discuss the social movements that present a strong challenge to the corporate version of globalization in the Andes and connect these international struggles with the local fight to stop the natural gas pipeline being constructed in our own backyard. The presentations will be followed by a brief discussion period. Donations will be requested for an upcoming Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia. This event is being sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace and others. Anyone interested in getting involved with a local group working on these issues is encouraged to contact the Olympia Colombia Committee by e-mail at occ@onebox.com.

Olynetwork Update

Olynetwork has experienced some difficult times lately. Aside from being understaffed, which we had almost become used to, we had our domain name stolen from us. This effectively incapacitated Olynetwork, as we had existed primarily in the form of our weekly calendar, which received 95% of its content through emails. After our web technician returned from vacation, our problem was diagnosed and we attempted to retrieve our much loved .org domain name, but to no avail.

Several attempts were made to get the word out to all those who used to receive the email calendar, but we were again thwarted. The enormous amount of addresses the calendar is sent to prohibited us from using web-based mail programs.

.but all is not lost. Olynetwork is in the process of accepting its place in the world as a .com and getting on with its life. If you need to access a web-page that is linked through Olynetwork's web site, you can still do that at: http://olynetwork.phpwebhosting.com

If you received Olynetwork's email calendar you should be receiving a message in the near future, giving you up-to-date information as to what address you should email events to, as well as other pertinent information. Thank you for your support and patience, and look for our website at: WWW.OLYNETWORK.COM

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity with the mission: To promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: **support**, to cope with an adverse society; **education**, to enlighten and ill-informed public; and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Call (360) 866-0511 or E-mail: info@pflag-olympia.org

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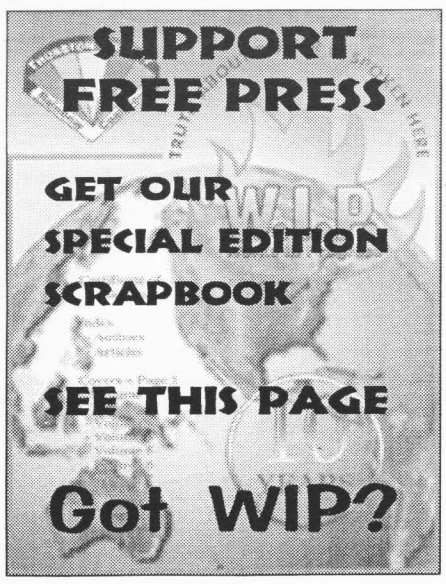

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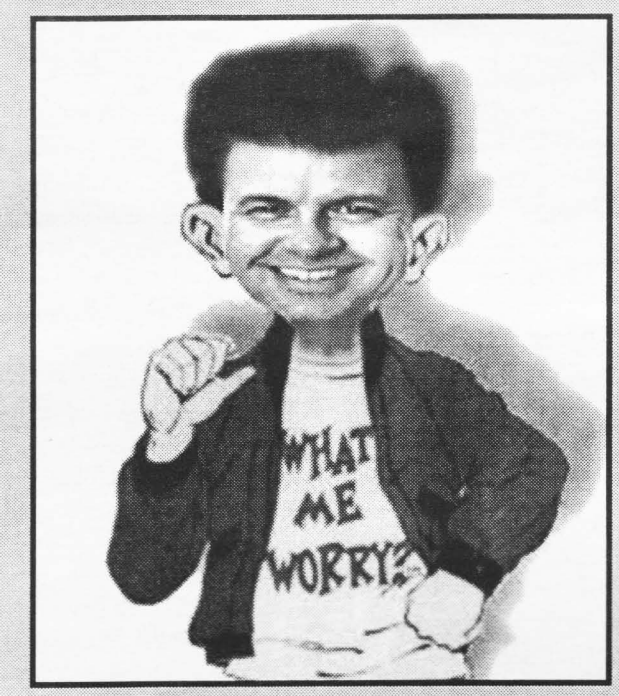

- This so-called Democrat encourages conservative candidates against progressive Democratic incumbents, i.e., Tumwater's Valenzuela and Olympia's Johnson in 2001.
- He even openly supports the creepy Republican candidate for County Sheriff, Gary Edwards.
- Earlier this year, he invited his construction business buddies to disrupt a public environmental forum where they name-called the participants eco-terrorists. (Yeah right, eco-terrorists hold public meetings)
- Even the Democratic Party has disowned him.

It's time to show Kevin O'Sullivan the exit...(and all his rabid anti-environmentalists friends, too).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **2000**: 1.4 million firestone tires are put on Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Admn's warning list; Firestone refuses to recall them	**2** **2001**: U of W study reveals WA workers give employers $13 million in free labor yearly; many workers don't know/insist on rights	**3** **1957**: Nat'l Guardsmen ring Central HS to prevent Black enrollment **2001**: US leaves UN world conference against racism	**4** **1886**: Geronimo surrenders **2001**: Washington state orders insurers to cover prescription contraceptives	**5** **1670**: London: William Penn acquitted of creating "terror" for holding Quaker meeting **1877**: Crazy Horse killed while in custody	**6** **2001**: Bush administration backs down on Microsoft antitrust suit dividing the company **2001**: Dow drops 19.243 points or 1.9%	**7** **2001**: Sen. Armed Services Comm. approves Bush's $343 billion request for military **2001**: Dow falls 234.99 points or 2.4%
8 **1974**: Richard Nixon is pardoned by President Gerald Ford **1965**: UFW starts strike against California grape growers	**9** **2001**: AP reveals that most of the $27 million in farm subsidies went to small farms with financial need, but to "big operators"	**10** **2001**: Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld calls Defense Department bureaucracy a serious threat to national security	**11** **1973**: Chilean Pres. Allende assassinated in US backed coup **2001**: Wall Street closes after attack on World Trade Center	**12** **1932**: Toledo, OH: Unemployed seize food **2001**: Struggling Midway Airlines gives up after 9-11; immediately lays off 1,700	**13** **2001**: Federal judge throws Oregon coastal coho off endangered list claiming no distinction between wild and hatchery fish	**14** **2001**: Federal appeals court vacates it's June decision that FBI sharpshooter at Ruby Ridge was not immune from prosecution
15 **1845**: Allegheny PA: women cotton workers strike for 10-hour day **2001**: Bush orders troops to prepare for war	**16** **1999**: Over 150 angry Nisqually Valley residents rally at a local farmhouse and agree to fight the proposed asphalt plant	**17** **2001**: Airlines want $24 billion in fed assistance; Merrill Lynch predicts only $6.5 billion loss, 3x loss expected before 9-11	**18** **1850**: Fugitive Slave Act passed by Congress **2001**: Boeing cuts 30,000 from commercial plane division	**19** **2001**: Islamic clerics ask bin Laden to leave **2001**: Bush orders warplanes to Persian Gulf **2001**: American and United lay off 40,000	**20** **2001**: Bush says "either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists." **2001**: WA supreme court rules against Eyman's tax initiative	**21** **2000**: The Peruvian military announces its support for Fujimori after his decision to dismantle Peru's nat'l spy agency
22 **1995**: TESC Longhouse is dedicated **2001**: Bush signs $15 billion relief bill for airlines, airline employees receive nothing	**23** **1996**: Panel finds 68% of 200 logging operations in Washington violate rules designed to protect fish and wildlife often w/o penalty	**24** **1996**: WA rated #1 for amount of carcinogens discharged into water **2001**: 600+ march for peace, against military retribution	**25** **2000**: Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt decides to return Kennewick Man to tribes of the Upper Columbia Plateau	**26** **1944**: 1st Hanford Reactor began operation **1999**: Quayle drops out of presidential race **2000**: 5,000 protesters at World Bank Summit	**27** **1875**: MA textile workers demand bread for starving children **2001**: Air Force to shoot down any airliner threatening US cities	**28** **1905**: Reports circulate siting thousands of native deaths in the Congo that were condoned by the French government
29 **1999**: President Clinton signs legislation to double future presidents' annual salaries from $200,000 to $400,000	**30** **2001**: Ashcroft on CBS and CNN warns about continuing threat from terrorists and pushes Bush's "antiterrorism" measures	**31** **2001**: The Northern Alliance in Afghanistan requests $50 million a month in military aid from the Bush administration				

Kevin misrepresents himself. He's really a Republican, but to win election in this county, he represents himself as a Democrat.

Dave Kempher, chair of Thurston County Democrats

Source:: *The Olympian*

The Criminal In-justice System

D.O.C. Rules By-passed

by Mark La Rue

Whether you're in or out of America's dungeons, due process can be an elusive that ordeal; that is, unless you have wealth and privilege. At the Correction Center in Shelton Washington, prisoners in the intensive management unit (IMU) understand that reality well. Despite prison rules that require notice, charge, hearing and the right to present evidence in order to prove innocence. Prison lackeys have devised a means of enforcing their rule with out resorting to these procedures.

Known as an observation report, prisoners who receive one are automatically guilty of any accusation made by staff in the report. No one else has any say as far as this goes and prisoners have no right to review even when there is no evidence of any guilt. The person can produce proof which exonerates him by showing there was a false allegation made.

Although prisoners have been victimized in this way and complained to prison administrators about it when their rights on privileges were arbitrarily taken. Unit supervisors have allowed these minions to carry out their dirty work without regard for right or wrong, even if this is a violation of prisoners rights under D.O.C. policy.

In a society which proclaims justice for all, oppressed people can expect even less once they are locked away and unable to pay for those rights guaranteed by our country's constitutions.

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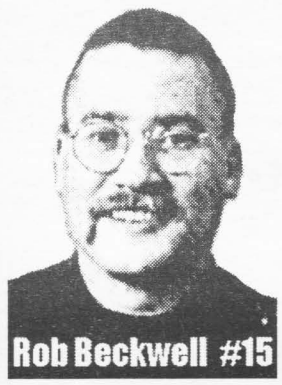
CopWatcher Files Complaint Against Downtown Police



On August 1st, Marco Rossi filed an "Allegation of Serious Employee Misconduct" against officer Rob Beckwell (badge number #15) and officer Cori Schumacher (badge # 32) for an incident that occurred on July 29th. In the complaint, Rossi reported that officer Beckwell talked to him in a "disrespectful tone," infringed on his right to observe the officer in the course of his duties, and threaten Rossi with a comment that it was "going to be a long summer."

According to Rossi complaint, Rossi and a friend of his were walking downtown when they noticed Beckwell and Schumacher talking to two males in the parking lot of the Lime Light. Rossi stopped to take notes on the officers activity and record their behavior. At this point, Schumacher told Rossi to back-up away from the scene. Rossi claims that he informed Schumacher that he had a legal right to stand and take notes on the two officers activity, but he would take a step backwards anyway. After which Beckwell became verbally aggressive with Rossi and started telling him to keep moving back out of the area. During this time, Rossi reported in the complaint, Beckwell threaten him with the remark that it was "going to be a long summer" for him. Rossi was extremely offended by this remark and was concerned with what Beckwell was implying, and he filed a complaint against both of the officers three days later. The complaint is currently being pursued by Sergeant Holmes, the individual in charge of evaluating Schumacher and Beckwell's behavior.

For several months, the Olympia Police Department (OPD) has upped its involvement in the downtown area. Officer Beckwell self-initiated a total of 53 arrest in the month of May. This arrest are mostly misdemeanors that tend to target people from low or no income bracket. The OPD has also strengthen its "Blue Team"- an special group of patrol officers that runs sweeps through the downtown area and include Beckwell and Schumacher. In May, the team worked four-hour enforcement details in the downtown area and made a total of 20 arrest in a matter of two days. Such involvement in the downtown is suppose improve the area by addressing the "quality of life crimes."

When it is discovered that the majority of the people who are arrested and harassed by officers are the homeless, mentally ill, and outcast of Olympia, and people who stand by and take notes on officers are verbally threaten, one can only wonder whose "quality of life" is being improved? Olympia needs police to be either servants of the community, and that includes Olympia's most miserable and forgotten people, or they need to leave people alone.

To get involved in the Olympia CopWatch and Police Accountability email OlyCopWatch@email.com

Incarceration vs. Social Programs
What Should Be Done?

Over the last twenty years we've seen deep finical cuts made in every social service in Washington State. The only exception to this has been the department of correctional operations, which got with out having anything slashed and has managed to do so for years now.

When you've read the facts presented herein, you may question whether is justifiable. We encourage you to push for correctional reforms that would result in a cheaper ways of dealing with crime and produce savings in millions that could be used for social programs in Washington state.

The Facts

There are a total of 17 prisons in Washington State. Fourteen of those were added since 1980, and we have 15,000 prisoners presently incarcerated. Along with that we've seen a corresponding rise in the prison budget; which is close to one billion dollars and is one of the states highest budgets. The purpose has been served by this because our approach to crime and punishment failed over the last twenty years to produce a permanent decrease in crime rate.

The Solution

To end this, we need to shift our approach from long term incarceration to crime victims compensation. Non-violent and drug and property related offenders, who make up half of the prison population in Washington State, should be able to participate in work programs that gives them the opportunity to pay debts owed to their victims for early release time. After the debt owed to the victims is paid-off prisoners will be released. This will make it possible for victims to recover their loses, would save tax payers millions of dollars, and would give offenders the opportunity to lessen the time they must stay incarcerated.

Take action and advocate for prisoners right.

Suicide Rate Increases At WCC

by Mark La Rue

Intensive management units (IMU) around Washington house prisoners who suffer serious mental health problems. As recently as May 2002, one mentally ill inmate was found dead in his cell at the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton. As did two others, he chose to hang himself, but was the only one who succeeded in doing so.

In all seven prisoners with psychiatric disabilities have made suicide attempts at the Corrections Center in the last three months. Two opted for overdose using prescribed medications, one at razor blades, and the other cut his throat.

Despite what must be viewed as a disturbing trend, administrators have done little to prevent this, and the contribute to such acts by dismissing reports that hired goons in IMU abuse these people to get their kicks.

With no fear of reprisal from above, this makes those suffering a mental illness twice as likely to be gassed, beat, thrown in strip cells, or denied food, showers, and recreation. When ever their oppressor decided to liven-up otherwise boring job by tormenting someone who appears abnormal.

IMU is often used by doctors and prison officials as a dumping ground for anyone who exhibits sever psychological disturbance. Psychiatric personal at the hospital like that the special offenders center employ this policy whenever prisoners become hard to handle, and the tradition carried over to a new faculty situated close to it, which opened and declared right-off that close and maximum custody prisoners weren't being received. This was the case eve when beds were available, and staff were better trained and equipped to provide psychiatric care; which prisoners were not getting in IMU.

A bit of irony can be added to this picture of abuse and indifference. When you consider that mental health workers staged a protest over budget cuts in Olympia. At issue was closure of 6 wards over the next two years at eastern and western state hospitals.

Not only would jobs be lost if this were to happen, but hundreds of beds would stand unused and empty while prisoners who could use both professional care and hospital beds are denied.

In doing this, the ruling class has shown it care little about the need for either; if weighed against the need for almighty dollar, the prisoners can go on committing suicide for lack of available care in our state.

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September 11th — One Year Later

Glen Anderson

After the September 11, 2001, attacks, Bush escalated that crime into a war and exploited the tragedy to serve selfish interests of power and wealth. He told us to go shopping, give up our civil liberties, and blindly obey. He told us and other nations that "You're either with us or against us," so if we questioned his absolute authority we risked being branded as enemies.

Amazingly, most Americans and virtually all of the US Congress and news media fell into line and blindly obeyed. For many months Bush & Co. fooled a supine Congress into passing laws benefiting the rich and powerful, fooled a gullible press into accepting his vacuous and dangerous pronouncements at face value, and exploited public fear to let him grab power that threatens true American values and world peace.

Bush says his war will last for the rest of our lives. Cheney says it might expand to 40 or 50 countries. Bush tells other countries who they can and cannot have as their leaders and plots to overthrow governments he doesn't like. He abandons treaties and says international law does not pertain to him.

Immediately after last September 11's attacks, people asked incredulously, "Why do they hate us?" Anyone who understood US foreign and economic policies already knew. During this past year Bush has been giving them even more reasons.

The September 11 attacks killed about 3,000 Americans, but our economic sanctions have been killing even more Iraqi children under age 5 every month for 12 years. If "terrorism" means using or threatening violence against civilian populations in order to coerce them or their governments, then the US is - and has been - committing terrorism all over the world.

Bush power grab. Right now the highest form of patriotism is to protect American democracy and freedom from the Bush Administration.

But while we reject Bush's simplistic division into "good" vs. "evil," we must be careful not to repeat his error and demonize him and the human beings around him. Their policies are clearly wrong, but we must continue to recognize the essential humanity of those with whom we disagree. Self-righteousness on either side interferes with solving the problems.

Our efforts for peace and justice will be most effective when we explicitly uphold American values such as democracy and openness and human rights.

Is this what America is about? In the real America, the people control the government, not vice versa. Bush's arrogant and belligerent actions are grossly un-American and threaten our national security! All of us who work for peace and human rights need to lift up our nation's highest values, show that Bush & Co. are violating them, and organize people and institutions (Congress, media, religion, civil society, etc.) to uphold our highest values and reject the

Progressives too often bog down in complaining about how awful things are, how everything is stacked against us, how we are weak and outnumbered by the powerful forces of Bush, big business, big media, etc., etc. When we yield to cynicism and despair we drift into inaction or into desperate, counterproductive actions. Then the oppressors win. Actually, the truth is on our side, nonviolence is powerful, and progressive nonviolent movements can win.

Our efforts for peace and justice will be most effective when we explicitly uphold American values such as democracy and openness and human rights. We can appeal to the public on behalf of these values and show that Bush & Co. are violating the true American values. We must also root our efforts in the principles of nonviolence as expressed by Gandhi, King and others, because this harnesses the power of love and truth to change the rules of the political struggle. Principled and strategic nonviolence can struggle in ways that can outwit and overcome the System.

The progressive movement can collaborate with others to rescue the US and the world from self-destructive paths. Nonviolent principles and practices help to break the cycle. The late Barbara Deming used to say that nonviolence needs two hands: one to hold out at arm's length - palm upright and facing outward - saying "NO" to violence; and the other to extend - palm up in an open and accepting gesture - welcoming people in and affirming the alternatives that we support.

Many Americans are angry about the violence and injustice our government does. Nonviolence offers constructive ways to break the cycle and convert our feelings into solving the problems. One year after September 11 the public might be ready to hear a fresh political analysis and to explore nonviolent alternatives. Now is a great time to reach out and build the movement for peace.

Up Front

NO War on Iraq

Jerome Johnson

At night when I go to bed, I leave my window open so I can catch the cool breezes. From the east -- from Washington, DC -- I hear the beat of war drums, because the Bush Administration insists on a useless and terrible war with Iraq. The beat of war drums is carried over the airwaves, as I listen to "leaked" battle scenarios and foolish politicians. There's no end to loose talk, wishful thinking and old-fashioned imperialism -- not only from Washington but from all over the country. "Get Saddam, now!" scream the hawks, the ideologues, the arch-conservatives who are running what passes for US foreign policy these days.

Not since the 1980s, the United States is being run-from the President throughout the Government-by people who do their government jobs based on their own ideology, and beliefs, not by what is best for our nation. For example, Pres. Bush and the archconservatives-most visibly in the Dept. of Defense, headed by Sec. Don Rumsfeld-believe in the old doctrines of "manifest destiny" and the "American Century." That the US can do whatever it deems necessary in the War on Terror because:

1) We were attacked.
2) We are the world's strongest military power.
3) We are the only superpower.
4) As a result, we can do whatever we want worldwide-continue polluting, withdraw from treaties etc.-and no one can stop us because if they try we'll blow them away.
5) We were attacked. That gives us the "right" to overthrow governments for no reason except that we don't like them. We have the "right" to destabilize entire regions and perhaps the world to satisfy our geopolitical fantasies, even though we won't stay and rebuild nations we've destroyed. That's "their problem."
6) We were attacked. That gives us the "right" to deprive our own citizens of their civil rights. Of course we wanted to anyway, but Sept. 11 just made it easier for us.
7) We were attacked. That means the President, Vice-President nor anyone else is ever accountable to you, the people. No matter what happened at Enron, Halliburton or the White House.
8) We were attacked. Question anything and you're against us, because "Real Americans" know we're doing the right thing and trust us blindly, because we tell them to or they're unpatriotic. After Vietnam, no one wants to be unpatriotic-not even the Left. That's why they've been so quiet, except for that disturbance in Portland.
9) If the rest of the world doesn't agree with war on Iraq, fuck 'em. We were attacked, they weren't. So what if the killers aren't connected to Iraq? We've got unfinished bidness there, and a mark to be made in the legacy books. It's time to kick ass, and if we have to go it alone then damn it, we will. Our wimpy allies will fall into line and thank us afterward (we think).
10) Unfinished bidness in Afghanistan? bin Laden and the big Taliban still at large and dangerous a year later? Troops in Central Asia, the Balkans, Europe, Korea-questions about the ability to fight Iraq, with so many US forces already committed worldwide? And as the war drums beat, we still hear no reason for a war against Iraq. The most we get are vague excuses:

"Well, he hasn't allowed weapons inspectors back."

"He has weapons of mass destruction, but we don't know where they are."

"He might use those weapons one day."

The Administration wants us to believe that their rhetoric is enough reason to send our loved ones to fight house-to-house, building-to-building-the most savage form of war there is-in Baghdad, a city roughly the size of Dallas-Ft. Worth.

I have two friends of mine who served in the Army in the Gulf War eleven years ago. One was with the 2nd Armored Division, the other with the 24th Mechanized Division. Both saw combat in Iraq. Neither one of them wants war with Iraq now. Both agree with the current containment policy.

In Afghanistan, evidence mounts of war crimes committed by the Northern Alliance-with the knowledge of US forces.

In Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe pushes his nation further toward disaster.

And in Olympia, despite opposition from citizens, there is a growing threat of a conference center being built with public money for private profit.

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tion as Choosing Life over death, but in the Orwellian world (War is Peace, Ignorance is Strength, Slavery is Freedom) of the illegal Bush administration, the attack on Afghanistan (where none of the hijackers were from- 15 of 19 were from Saudi Arabia) is entitled "Enduring Freedom" (which means "permanent war"), and the official prospects are not for peace but rather of "War and rumors of war". The so-called "war on terrorism" is no more than a continuation of the War OF Terrorism that the United States has been inflicting on the people of the world since at least the end of World War II. (Details of these events can be found in William Blum's *Killing Hope*, Howard Zinn's *Terrorism and War*, Noam Chomsky's *Deterring Democracy and 9/11*, among others). That the United States foreign policy and military actions over the past half century have largely been criminal activities, under domestic and international law is not a secret among the world's people, the world's leaders and even the domestic leadership of the United States. Even the allies of the U.S. have "strong reservations" (to use the diplomatic language) about the current course of American foreign policy. The United States stands virtually alone, with the exception of the criminal regime in Israel and Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, in its preparations for it probable attack on Iraq. Germany and the European Union, Saudi Arabia, our Arab "allies", Russia and the rest of the world have told Bush that they are against his actions for a variety of reasons, including the criminality of the current and past policies. The U.S. "rationale" for destroying Iraq, i.e. it invades its neighbors, gases its neighbors and own citizens, while true, lose any credibility for the real purposes of U.S. policy since it has been revealed several times that the U.S. was well aware of these events at the time and aided Saddam in his war plans and invasions (against Iran), and in its construction of "weapons of mass destruction" (poison gas). Even senior U.S. military officers have stated that "U.S. Aided Iraq in War Despite Use of Gas". (*NY Times*, 8/18/02).

Respected independent journalist Jeremy Scahill has reported that present Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was a personal envoy from the Reagan-Bush I administration to Saddam Hussein in 1983 and 1984, when Rumsfeld had full knowledge of Saddam's actions. But as Rumsfeld stated "It struck us as useful to have a relationship, given that we were interested in solving the Mideast problems". The main "problems" and "mutual interest" that need to be solved was of course the control of oil. ("The Saddam in Rumsfeld's Closet", www.zmag.org, 8/2/02) In the year 2002, it should not be necessary to document the importance of Oil as the main reasons for wars in the Middle East but for a short refresher course see James A. Paul, Executive Director, Global Policy Forum, "Iraq: The Struggle for Oil" at www.globalpolicy.org/security/oil/2002/08jim.htm.

While the regime of Saddam Hussein has very few friends among the world's people, the people of the world know that a U.S. attack on Iraq, whether it is called "preemptive", "defensive strike" or whatever Orwellian doublespeak the Bush administration wishes to use, would be an international war crime.

The extent of the criminal behavior is not unknown to those in the Bush administration. This is one of the reasons that the U.S. pulled out of the International Criminal Court (ICC) this past May. Despite the public declaration that the U.S. was concerned about the "sovereignty" of the U.S. and its military personnel, the real reason is that the U.S. knows that its criminal policies can not be hidden even from its capitalist allies.

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While the ICC would not have been applicable until this year, the U.S. has in place recycled war criminals such as Otto Reich, Elliot Abrams, and John Negroponte in the State Department and the United Nations, and there are no plans to change their past criminal behavior. The actions of these officials and the government they represent fit any definition of terrorism that is available in the world.

The criminality and insanity of the U.S. war plans for Iraq are even apparent to many right wingers in the United States and elsewhere. House Majority Leader Dick Armey has stated that an unprovoked attack on Iraq would "violate international law". (*Chicago Tribune*, 8/9/02). Even Henry Kissinger, Lawrence Eagleburger, and Brent Scowcroft, major war criminals in their own right and certainly no friends of Saddam Hussein, have publicly expressed their concern about the drumbeats for war by the Bush administration. (*NY Times*, 8/15/02; *Wall Street Journal*, 8/15/02) Scowcroft has noted the very real danger that an Israeli response to an attack by Iraq, if the U.S. is poised to destroy Iraq, may well be nuclear. He states that this may well bring about "an Armageddon in the Middle East". (Also see Roland Watson, "Iraq Conflict Could Soon Go Nuclear", *Times of London*, 8/7/02). CHOOSING PEACE may no longer just be morally correct, or a preferable policy option, but a necessity for survival.

A fuller explanation on the criminality of the U.S. plans for Iraq will not come from the Scowcrofts and Kissingers of the world but rather a good place to start are the writings of Blum, Zinn, and Chomsky mentioned earlier. A more recent article by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark was written and sent to all members of the UN Security Council, with copies to the UN General Assembly and Senator Joseph Biden of the Senate Committee On Foreign Relations. (Biden's Committee recently held hearing on the Iraq policy but did not allow any administratively adverse testimony to be heard).

Ramsey Clark's letter is available from the International Action Center at www.iacenter.org. Even Dan Rather, who less than a year ago was willing to "line up" wherever the "president" told him to, has stated that "patriotism run amok" was in danger of trampling journalistic integrity in the U.S., including his. In an interview with the BBC 5/16/02, which has received very little if any coverage in the U.S., Rather stated that "There has never been an American war, small or large, in which access has been so limited as this one.Limiting access, limiting information, to cover the backsides of those who are in charge of the war, is extremely dangerous and cannot and should not be accepted.It's unpatriotic not to stand up, look them in the eye, and ask the questions they don't want to hear-they being those who have the responsibility, the ultimate responsibility of sending our sons and daughters, our husbands, wives, our blood, to face death". (See "US Media Cowed by Patriotic Fever, Says CBS Star: Network news veteran admits national mood caused him to shrink from tough questions on war in Afghanistan", *Guardian of London*, 5/17/02). Just as Dan Rather has learned to act like a reporter and citizen again, many other Americans are learning how to question those in power and how to resist, when they are not satisfied with the answers.

CHOOSING PEACE is truly "a series for the whole community". As the Calendar indicates, there will be over sixty events (at press time). Some will be large, such as the Teach-In at the First Christian Church on September 9th or the Rally at Sylvester Park on October 7th or events at the Olympia Film Festivals. Some will be small, such as read-ins at Media Island or philosophy workshops. Some will be solemn, such as the Vigil at Percival Landing on September 11th, and others will be festive such the celebrations of Peace art at Art Walk on October 4th and Children's Day on October 13th. Please read the schedule over carefully and attend, contribute, learn, teach, and ask and answer questions. The fate of the world is in our hands; not necessarily those who claim to lead us.

Find out more and about events

In addition to the sources listed in articles, the interested reader may want to keep abreast of the following:

1) For regular news that has a great deal of alternative sources as well as links to mainstream sources see Common Dreams at www.commondreams.org;
2) For more Alternative news see AlterNet at www.alternet.org;
3) For professional critiques of the mainstream media see EXTRA, which is published by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, whose website is available at www.fair.org:
4) For up to the date and reliable information on the Middle East see the Middle East Report or www.merip.org:
5) For local news and information see FOR at www.olyfor.org and the OMJP at www.omjp.org.

This is a short and selective list. More information and sources will be available at many of the events of CHOOSING PEACE.

Publicity for the Choosing Peace series includes printing 4,000 copies of a newsprint tabloid that we'll mail to our list and distribute widely throughout the community at familiar drop-off points. It provides information about each of the 60 events, provides feature articles with background and perspectives, and lists dozens of organizations and information sources. If you are out-of-town and would like a free copy mailed to you, please give your mailing address to Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glen@olywa.net .

Look for a current list of activities on the website of the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) www.OlyFOR.org, the Western Washington FOR (www.scn.org/activism/wwfor , the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) www.omjp.org, and other locations. Also look on the websites of sponsoring organizations and hosting locations for information about their events and activities.

A sampling of events is printed on the next page

For The Whole Community

SUN SEPT 1: Dispute Resolution Center Event at Olympia Farmers' Market: The Dispute Resolution Center helps people resolve various kinds of conflicts through a well facilitated process. The DRC will conduct a presentation and staff an information table from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Olympia Farmers' Market. The New Moon Band will perform. Info: Marge Price 790-1906 or the DRC 956-1155

SUN SEPT 1 THROUGH MON OCT 7: Book Display at Orca Books: This locally owned bookstore will display some books on peace and related subjects. Locations and amounts of display space within the store may vary during this time. Orca Books, 509 4th Ave E, Olympia. Info: 352-0123.

THURS SEPT 5: PEACE, RACE, AND NEW CONSCIOUSNESS: Interview with Lonnie Locke on the "Parallel University" program, 1:00-2:00 p.m. on KAOS-FM 89.3

FRI SEPT 6: Workshops to Create Earth Spirit Prayer Flags: Jeanette Susor will show you how to create a batik peace flag. Jeanette will lead workshops on Fri Aug 30 and Fri Sept 6. People can create their own peace flags for their own use and/or for future use (e.g., at local activities such as the Sept 11 peace convergence or the Oct 7 rally). $5 suggested donation to cover cost of supplies, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. 6 to 9 p.m. at the Old Madison Elementary School, 8th & Central SE, Olympia. Info: Earthbound Productions 705-8107

FRI SEPT 6 and WED NOV 6: Nonviolent Communication -Introductory Workshops: Learn how to connect with people in positive ways. Nonviolent (or Compassionate) Communication helps people get and stay in touch with the goodness of individuals, even when they express themselves in ways that are hard to hear. It potentially can change the way you view others and how they hear and respond to you. These sessions are led by Olympia's Liv Monroe, a certified trainer of the Center for Nonviolent Communication (CNVC, 1-800-255-7696 www.cnvc.org) Enjoy and learn from each session for no charge or for what it's worth to you and fits your budget. Whatever you wish to give will be received joyfully. For those comforted by suggestions, consider $10-$25 for an introduction and $5-$20 for each practice session. (Practice sessions are at other dates and locations.) Each introductory session is 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Lincoln School cafeteria, 213 21st Ave SE, Olympia (Best access from the back, near the west side of the building.) Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 liv@olywa.net

SAT-SUN SEPT 7-8: Olympia Film Society will show a FREE film about responses to September 11. "Underground Zero" is a montage by a variety of filmmakers. It is powerfully moving with artsy qualities rather than a didactic political message. Program 1 (75 min.) is at 12 noon each day, and Program 2 (78 min.) is at 2 p.m. each day. Capitol Theatre, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia

SAT-SUN SEPT 7-8 and WED SEPT 11: "Appropriate Response - Art in Wartime Exhibit" features Art in any media, at any artistic level, from any point of view: People regardless of artistic level or political viewpoint are encouraged to create art in any media to express themselves about war and related issues. Paloma Medina, the organizer, believes that art can be a tool for communities to deal with tragic events and the division and social conflict that occurs as a result of them. The major premise behind the exhibit is that art IS an appropriate response to war issues, because art has the ability to simultaneously be both political and personal, and in being so it can convey the complicated emotions and ideas of war to large audiences while acknowledging the humanity and individuality of each member of that audience, and of the artist. The organizers anticipate a variety of themes, including rights and privileges during wartime, connections between environmental, gender and racial issues and war or wartime; what it means to honor one's country; the role of dissent during wartime; and how tragic moments are dealt with historically SAT SEPT 7 from 8 to 10 p.m. and SUN SEPT 8 from 12 noon to 10 p.m. at Bread and Roses, 114-116 N. Cherry in Olympia and WED EVENING SEPT 11 at a different location. The SAT SEPT 7 event includes a collaborative art project and reception as well as the art display. The SUN SEPT 8 event includes multi-media art workshops, a film and performances, as well as the art display. The WED SEPT 11 location is being arranged. It will include a performance and other activities currently being arranged. Info: Paloma Medina, 402-7520 http://appropriateresponse.tripod.com

SUN SEPT 8: The history of peace AND ANTI-WAR folk music: 1:00-3:00 p.m. on "The Acoustic Minstrel Show" on KAOS-FM 89.3

SUN SEPT 8: DRUMS FOR PEACE and GARDEN BOUNTY DINNER: Enjoy a fresh-from-the-garden all-organic dinner followed by a Drums for Peace session led by Afro-Cuban drum instructor Scott Saunders. (Bring percussion instruments if you have them. Some will be provided.) Adults $10.00 Children free. Starts 5:30 p.m. at Fertile Ground, 311 9th Ave SE, Olympia. RSVP strongly encouraged (360) 352-2428

MON SEPT 9 Teach-In: "Community Reflection on September 11: Looking Back, Moving Forward." Confirmed panel members: Helena Meyer-Knapp, Therese Saliba, Glen Anderson 7:00 p.m. in Koinonia Hall at First Christian Church, 7th & Franklin, Olympia. Info: Nathan Hadden (360) 866-4433 hadnat01@evergreen.edu and Larry Mosqueda 866-2404 lmosqueda@attbi.com

TUES SEPT 10: "Nonviolence is How the Universe Wants to Work" Glen Anderson will present and facilitate a discussion about nonviolence at the international, societal, and personal levels. Martin Luther King understood that "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." This is part of the "Java and Jesus" issue discussion series sponsored by the Campus Ministry Office at St. Martin's College. 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room of Baran Hall on the Lacey campus. Info: Glen (360) 491-9093 glen@olywa.net or Katie O'Neill at St. Martin's Campus Ministry Office 438-4381 koneill@stmartin.edu

TUES SEPT 10: Philosopher Cafe - "What is Peace?" Engage in a moderated open community discussion about what peace is. Sandra Dreisbach, the moderator, has a master's degree in philosophy and nearly 2 years experience with such cafes. 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Restaurant, 5th & Water SW. Traditions' website www.traditionsfairtrade.com has information about tonight's event and topic. (360) 357-0842 java@mac.com www.philosophicalpractitioner.com or www.philosophercafe.com

September 11 or Any Date You Might Choose: "Work a Day for Peace" People might choose to support peace by donating one day's salary to a peace organization, funding this series of "Choosing Peace" events, or contributing to humanitarian aid for victims of war. Info: Olympia FOR, PO Box 7273, Olympia WA 98507 Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glen@olywa.net

WED SEPT 11: Irish peace and related music: Enjoy Tommy Sands, the Tommy People, and more on Burt Meyer's "Wheels of the World" program, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, on KAOS-FM 89.3

WED SEPT 11: Convergence for Peace at Percival Landing all day: Percival Landing will be a peace place all day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dawn Vigil begins at 6:30 a.m. before the sun rises at 6:44. The first plane hit the World Trade Center one year ago at 6:45 our time. Stay as long as you feel or leave when you must go to work. Throughout the day bring picnics, guitars, readings and artwork to share. Help create a community space for commitment to peace, social justice, anti-racism and critical thinking. Bring thoughts, images and wishes to add to a wall of reflections that will be compiled throughout the day to mark the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Come alone or connect with others for activities, meditation, reflection, conversation, music, and more. From 1 to 2 p.m. (or 11 a.m. to 12 noon) share a community bread-breaking with breads from around the world. Bring a bread from your culture or a bread with significance for you, and we'll all share. The closing from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. will include music, a speaker, and an opportunity for participant to reflect on last September 11 and the year since. Sponsor: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) www.omjp.org Info: Rachel Corrie 753-1794 corporatepenguin@hotmail.com

WED SEPT 11: United Churches Is Open All Day for Prayer and Meditation: United Churches' sanctuary and chapel at 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, will be open for individual meditation and prayer from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Five minutes of music and directed prayer will occur on the hour. At 9:11 a.m. the bell will ring 9 times and then 11 times. Info: United Churches 943-1210

WED SEPT 11: World Day of Prayer - Unity of Olympia: People of all faiths are invited to participate in the worldwide Unity Day of Prayer at Unity Church of Olympia. The day will be begin at 9 a.m. with an informal prayer service, holding this positive idea, "As I open my heart to You, dear God, I release all concerns, and I am filled with infinite love and peace." The church will be open all day for personal prayer time. You can also send or call in your prayer requests to be held in this worldwide consciousness of peace. Gather at 7:00 p.m. for an hour of prayer, meditation, and music. Childcare provided. The sponsors invite you to "Unite with us and others around the world in peace and see the results in your own life and in the life of our entire world." Unity Church of Olympia, 1335 Fern St. SW, Olympia 943-5757

WED SEPT 11: Sept 11 Time Capsule and Peace Bench at TESC: A time capsule with news articles, poetry and other items related to Sept 11, 2001, will be installed inside a wall on the 2nd floor of the TESC CAB, with a plaque marking the location. A bench is being built and donated by Say It In Stones. Its message says, "The path to peace is paved by knowledge and compassion." The bench will be installed in a "garden space" on the left side of Red Square near the bus stop at TESC, so people can sit and meditate about peace. The time capsule and the bench will be dedicated at the same ceremony on WED SEPT 11 at TESC. For information about this and other TESC events contact Stanley Bernstein, TESC's Director of College Relations (360) 867-6042 or bernss@evergreen.edu

WED SEPT 11: MOZART'S "REQUIEM" Some members of local choral groups and volunteer singers who have attended the rehearsals will perform Mozart's "Requiem" as a remembrance for September 11. Worldwide performances will begin in Australia and proceed around the world hour by hour on September 11, 2002. Olympia is one of the localities whose performances are scheduled for a more convenient time: 7:30 p.m. at Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington SE, Olympia. FREE ADMISSION. The Washington Center for the Performing Arts is donating the space. Musicians are planning the event. Terry Shaw 705-6462 is organizing rehearsals and will conduct the performance. Info about the actual performance: Washington Center for the Performing Arts 753-8586 (REHEARSALS at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 W Harrison, Olympia, on Aug 19 and 26 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Aug 31 and Sept 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sept 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Music can be bought for $7.)

WED-THURS SEPT 11-12: Relics of the Buddha at Olympia Zen Center: Some relics from the Buddha are on tour, and they will come to Olympia on Wed-Thurs September 11-12, 2002. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (with services at the even-numbered hours) at the Olympia Zen Center, 3248 39th Way NE, Olympia WA. Parking is extremely limited there. Please park on South Bay Road or the Church of the First Born north of Lilly Road and walk on the Chehalis-Western Trail across Shincke Road to the Olympia Zen Center. (This walk is good for the spirit of pilgrimage too.) Info: Olympia Zen Center, (360) 357-2835 olyzendo@aol.com or www.spindrift.org/olyzen or Fletcher Ward (360) 753-7425 fletcherward@attbi.com

THURS SEPT 12: Study Circles on Race: Participate in an introduction to the fall series "Study Circles on Race." People of different ethnic and racial backgrounds come together in small democratic discussion groups on the topic of "Facing the Challenge of Racism and Race Relations." In this facilitated introductory session participants will have the opportunity to share their stories, listen to others, and gain insight into their own beliefs and the beliefs of others, with the purpose of coming to new understandings of the issues we face together. 7:00 p.m. at De Colores, 507 Washington SE, Olympia (360) 357-9400 Info: Lonnie Locke 456-2865 DLocke3608@aol.com

THURS SEPT 12 through THURS OCT 10: Nonviolent Communication - Practice Sessions: A series of five evening practice sessions will run from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at a home near Olympia High School. For information about Nonviolent Communication see the description for the Sept 6 listing. Info and directions: Liv Monroe 357-4503 liv@olywa.net

FRI SEPT 13: "Extending the Heart of Peace" lecture by Roko ni-Osho Sherry Chayat, Rinzai Zen Master and Abbot of the Zen Center of Syracuse, New York. This is the Second Annual Ryokan san Lecture. An inter-Buddhist discussion on the topic of world peace after September 11 will follow her presentation, as will a reception with book sale and book signing. at 7:00 p.m. at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2200 East End Street, Olympia (north on Division, west on 20th, north on East End Street). $10 donation requested. Info: Olympia Zen Center Olympia (360) 357-2835 olyzendo@aol.com or Fletcher Ward (360) 753-7425 fletcherward@attbi.com

FRI SEPT 13: "Conversation Café Cubana" Rick Fellows from Pastors for Peace will report on the 14th US-Cuba Friendshipment and provide updates on the embargo, travel ban, and the five American-jailed Cubans. Embargo busting Cuban coffee will be served. Open discussion will follow. 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Fair Trade Cafe, 5th & Water, Olympia Info: Rick Fellows. Presented by Media Island International 352-8526

SAT SEPT 14: Study Retreat with Roko ni-Osho on Practicing Zen with The Zen Koan from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Olympia Zen Center. Space is limited. Please pre-register. $45 plus Dana for teacher. Info: Olympia Zen Center (360) 357-2835 olyzendo@aol.com or Fletcher Ward (360) 753-7425 fletcherward@attbi.com

SAT SEPT 14: Religions Working Together for Human Understanding and Peace: PLANNING MEETING at 2:00 p.m.: Members of all religious groups are invited to meet to plan interfaith dialogues to promote human understanding and peace starting this fall. The Old Town Chorale will perform. 2:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse of Tumwater Mobile Estates, 930 Trosper Rd SW, Tumwater Info: Leo Baldwin 705-0600 and the Bahai's of Thurston County sasandleob@msn.com

SAT SEPT 14: Religions Working Together for Human Understanding and Peace: LIVE TV PROGRAM at 5:00 p.m.: Panel of various religions discussing promoting religious understanding and harmony will appear LIVE on TCTV cable channel 22/29 in Thurston County and answer phone calls from viewers. Info: Leo Baldwin 705-0600 and the Bahai's of Thurston County sasandleob@msn.com

SAT SEPT 14: "Philosophers on Peace" Workshop: What have the world's great philosophers said about peace? Come and find out. 4:00 p.m. at Orca Books, 509 4th Ave E, Olympia. (Two other events based on philosophy are on Tues Sept 10 and Sat Oct 26.) Info: Sandra Dreisbach 357-0842 java@mac.com www.philosophicalpractitioner.com or www.philosophercafe.com

SUN SEPT 15: Peace-Related Service at All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church: 11:00 a.m. at All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church, which meets at Columbian Hall, 6794 Martin Way E, Lacey (The building is set far back from the road.) Info: Billie Clark 943-8317 bjclark211@cs.com

SUN SEPT 15: "What I Learned About US Foreign Policy" - Frank Dorrel: "What I Learned About US Foreign Policy" video by Frank Dorrel, author of graphic comic book novel "Addicted to War" with a panel discussion. 2:00-6:30 p.m. Ask Media Island for the location. (Most likely it will be at the Capitol Theatre, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia, but this was not confirmed at press time. Call or check a website to verify location.) Donations will be appreciated. Info: Media Island International 352-8526 mii@olywa.net www.mediaisland.org

MON SEPT 16: INTERNATIONAL FOLK "Peace Tales" on TV: The Olympia FOR has been sponsoring performances of "Peace Tales," international folk tales illustrating principles of nonviolent conflict resolution, egalitarianism, etc. A performance will air at 7:30 p.m. on Thurston Community Television (TCTV) Channel 22 or 29 in Thurston County. Info: Andra Weddington & Stephen Dirk (360) 491-8572 gwalchmai@scattercreek.com The "Peace Tales" website is www.scattercreek.com~gwalchmai/ofor.htm

TUES SEPT 17: "Faces of the Enemy" video & discussion: This fascinating 58-minute documentary shows how we demonize and dehumanize the people we are making war against. It shows historical photos of posters, political cartoons, etc., and it interviews psychologists and people involved in hate crimes. This is part of the Olympia FOR's "In Search of the Big Picture" video-discussion series. 7:00 p.m. at Traditions Fair Trade Cafe, 5th & Water, Olympia. Info: Carol Burns (360) 866-7645 carolburns@olywa.net

WED SEPT 18: Olympia Poetry Network - Peace Poems: Arrive early to sign up. 6:30-7:10 open mike for peace poems. After the peace poems, the featured poet for the evening is Native American Ogallala Lakota tribal member Luke Warmwater. Traditions Fair Trade Cafe, 5th & Water, Olympia

THURS SEPT 19: INTERNATIONAL FOLK "Peace Tales" on TV: The Olympia FOR has been sponsoring performances of "Peace Tales," international folk tales illustrating principles of nonviolent conflict resolution, egalitarianism, etc. A performance will air at 9:30 a.m. on Thurston Community Television (TCTV) Channel 22 or 29 in Thurston County. Info: Andra Weddington & Stephen Dirk (360) 491-8572 gwalchmai@scattercreek.com The "Peace Tales" website is www.scattercreek.com~gwalchmai/ofor.htm

THURS SEPT 19: "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" - Greg Palast: Watch the video of a lecture by Greg Palast, an investigative reporter for BBC, The Guardian and The Observer, author of "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy: An Investigative Reporter Exposes the Truth About Globalization, Corporate Cons and High Finance." Books will be available. 7:00 p.m. at Orca Books, 509 4th Ave E, Olympia 352-0123 Info: Media Island International 352-8526 mii@olywa.net www.mediaisland.org

FRI SEPT 20: "The Economic Aspects of Globalization" is the first of a series of three forums on globalization (Sept, Oct, Nov). This one is at 6:45 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2200 East End St NW, Olympia. It will be moderated by Professor Jan van der Veen of the University of Puget Sound. This is part of the Critical Issues Forums on Globalization sponsored by the Olympia Friends Meeting (Quakers), St Michael's Social Justice Committee, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and United Churches. Info: Bob First 866-6033 bobfirst22@aol.com

FRI SEPT 20: Heartsparkle Players - Playback Theatre: "Stories from Our Hearts in Time of Conflict" Heartsparkle Players performs "Playback Theatre," improvisational interpretations of people's experiences, feelings, and ideas. Audience members do not simply watch a Playback Theatre performance. The material for each performance piece comes directly from an audience member's personal story. The teller experiences a sense of personal validation seeing his or her story honored in a new light. The entire audience gains new perspectives as they hear each other's stories. They can discover the subtle, sometimes striking differences and commonalities that reside within the life experiences of any group. Heartsparkle Players perform at Traditions Fair Trade at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Friday evening of each month from October through May, but they will begin their season one month early in order to focus a performance on the theme "Stories from Our Hearts in Time of Conflict" as part of our "Choosing Peace" series. 7:30 p.m. at Traditions Fair Trade Cafe, 5th& Water, Olympia. Suggested donation $5-$10, but no one will be turned away. Info: Anita Shekinah 754-8494 ajshekinah@olywa.net or Debe Edden 943-6772

SAT SEPT 21: Equinox Peace and Barter Fair: Music, food and presentations, including a brief observance of the United Nations "International Ceasefire Day." From 1 to 6 p.m. at the corner of Cooper Point and Kaiser Roads in NW Olympia Info: Brandon Benjamin 790-0849 Media Island International, 352-8526 mii@olywa.net www.mediaisland.org

SUN SEPT 22: "Choosing Peace: A Dance for Freedom" Use the internationally known practice of Gabriella Roth's five rhythm waves as a tool for prayers for peace. Led by Amarha and Sara Pagano. FREE admission. 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Heart&Soul Studio on 510 Columbia SE, 705-9100

TUES SEPT 24: MIDDLE EAST "Compassionate Listening" Presentation: Learn from a panel discussion on the local MidEast Listening Project and a question & answer session. Then discover more by participating in a respectful listening event. "Compassionate Listening" is a process that allows people on different sides of a controversial issue to speak their minds and their feelings. The listeners listen compassionately, without judging. They do this for persons on EACH side of the issue. Refreshments. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg 1, Room 280. Info: Maureen Hill, (360) 786-9505 padraigmcg@aol.com

FRI SEPT 27: Inner Peace: Dada Suman is a yogic monk teaching the art of self-mastery in Asia, Europe and now in the Northwest. He gives instruction that is simple for beginners and challenging enough for experts. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at House of Kung Fu, 324 4th Ave E, Olympia. Info: Deston Denniston 352-1665 leuwit@hotmail.com or Dada Suman dadasuman@yahoo.com

SAT SEPT 28: DEALING WITH ANGER: A POSITIVE APPROACH: Create peace and harmony in your life. Learn to use proven methods of communication tools. Led by Suska Davis, Ph.D, certified trainer of Nonviolent Communication. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sliding scale $40-$80 (scholarships available) Call (360) 754-1600 for pre-registration and location.

County Commissioner
Analyzing Kevin O'Sullivan

Clint Burelson

In deciding what candidate to vote for, it helps to have some key information to make an informed decision. Voters need to check important information like who is contributing to the candidate, who the candidate is supporting, and how the candidate has voted in the past. Here then is some information on Kevin O'Sullivan.

Top Contributions to Kevin O'Sullivan

Triway Enterprises Development Company	$3,500
AFSCME Council 2 Union out of Everett	$1,750
Lucky Eagle Casino Business - Gambling	$1,200
Realtors PAC Business Association - WA Realtors	$1,000
Rainier General Development Development Company	$1,000
Don Friend, Retired	$600
Larry & Judy Weaver Realtors - RE/MAX	$500
Jackson Homes, Inc Development Company	$500
Mcallister Park Associates LLC Development Company	$500
Dan Sandy Pres of DaPaul Inc - Logging Co.	$500
Williard Skeel Manager - Curtis Lumber Company	$400
SCA Consulting Group Development Consultants	$300
Harold LeMay Enterprises Business - Garbage Collection	$300
Chiechi & Associates Lobbyists - Gambling, other	$250
Nick Adams Realtor and Attorney	$250
ICM Group Business - Risk Mgmt. Consulting	$250
James & Cheryl Morris Developer	$250
UFCW Local 1001 Union out of Bellevue	$250
Steven Yester MC Construction Consultants, Inc	$250
Daniel William Wykoff Attorney	$250
Joe Daniels Lobbyist - Phillip Morris, others	$250
Thomas Herrick Dentist	$200
Puget Sound Energy Business - Gas & Electric	$200
Thurston Aff. Housing Council Biz Association - Building Industry	$200
Jay Goldstein Attorney - Building Industry	$200

Some Background Info on Contributions to O'Sullivan

Kevin O'Sullivan is heavily supported by the Building Industry. The Building Industry is a large network of interests including developers, realtors, contractors, consultants, attorneys, and media companies. As a group they are a significant source of financial contributions in elections.

The state association of the Building Industry is the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW). The local association is the Olympia Master Builders. The Political Action Committee (PAC) for the BIAW is the Affordable Housing Council. Most areas also have a local chapter connected with the local association. In Thurston County, we have the Thurston County Affordable Housing Council (connected with the Olympia Master Builders), which receives money from many different businesses as far away as Grays Harbor.

Often, the Thurston Affordable Council does not contribute that much to a particular candidate, however their recommendation is influential among the building industry network who then make direct contributions to the chosen candidates. However, in the 1998 election for County Commissioner, the Council gave over $3,700 to O'Sullivan, most of it a last minute contribution to help O'Sullivan defeat Jeff Dickinson.

As voters, perhaps we should take him at his word. Vote O'Sullivan out of office and he will have more time to help people.

Note: For more detailed and up to date information on contributions visit the election information page on the South Sound Greens website at http://www.greenparty-sps.org/campaign_2002.stm

Recent Political Contributions Made By Kevin O'Sullivan (incomplete)

Brad Owen (D)	$100	6/19/00
Doug Mah	$50	3/28/01
Michelle Tsalaky	$100	4/2/01
Steve Pottle	$50	5/2/01
John Darby	$50	5/16/01
Paul Telford	$100	8/15/01
Sam Hunt (D)	$50	11/17/01
Tim Sheldon (D)	$100	11/26/01
Brian Sullivan (D)	$600	1/22/01
Patricia Costello (D)	$100	2/4/02
Betty Gould (D)	$25	4/15/02
Thurs Dem Cen Com	$105	5/9/02
Gary C. Alexander (R)	$50	5/15/02
William Hinkle (R)	$100	5/16/02
Janea Holmquist (R)	$100	5/17/02
Ed Holm (D)	$100	6/6/02

Some Background Info on O'Sullivan's Political Contributions

Gary Alexander is a Republican running for reelection in the WA House of Representatives for the 20th District. According to the Washington State Labor Council, Alexander voted only 25% of the time with the WSLC and has a very poor 16% lifetime voting record with the WSLC. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $50 to Gary Alexander' campaign.

Paul Telford was elected Olympia Port Commissioner in 2001 running against Jeff Dickinson. Telford is a retired engineer, who currently makes money as a landlord. Telford claims he is interested in reducing government by cutting taxes and turning public property over to the private sector. Telford has suggested that the public land and services (even the Marina) that is managed by the Port for the public good should be sold to private individuals. Telford gave $200 to like-minded Republican John Carlson, the conservative talk show host who ran for Governor. Telford also gave $1200 to Tim Eyman's organization, Permanent Offense and $1000 to Eyman's $30 car tab initiative. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Paul Telford's campaign.

John Darby was elected to the Lacey City Council in 2001. Darby is the membership director for the Olympia/Thurston Chamber of Commerce, a business association. Darby gave $100 to conservative John Carlson (R) when Carlson ran for Governor in 2000. Darby testified in favor of a rate increase for Puget Power (who had given him money in his campaign). Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $50 to John Darby's campaign.

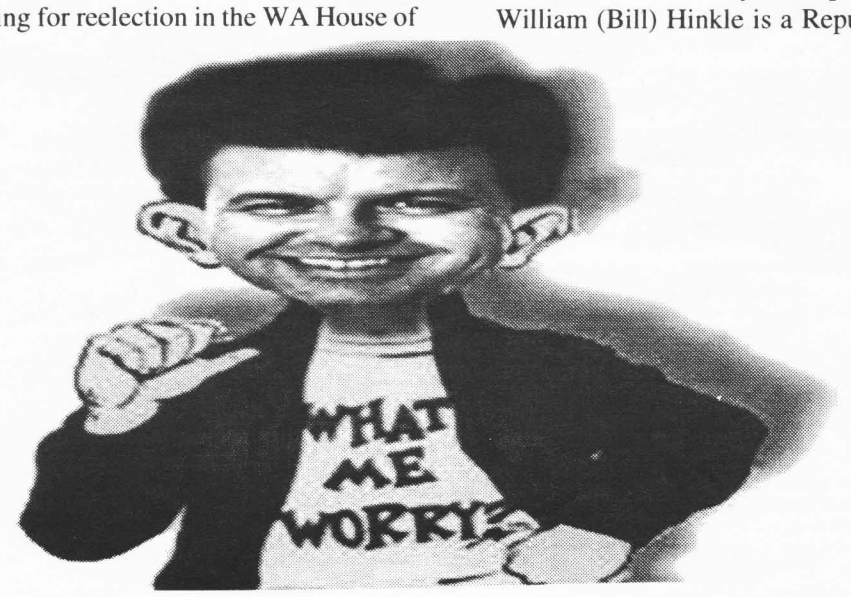
Michelle Tsalaky lost her bid for a seat on the Tumwater City Council in 2001. At the time, Tsalaky was the executive director for the Washington Refuse and Recycling Association (WRRA), a business association that lobbies in behalf of garbage collector companies. The WRRA was very aggressive in trying to stop safety standards in the workplace associated with the ergonomic standards at the state level. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Michelle Tsalaky's campaign.

William (Bill) Hinkle is a Republican County Commissioner in Kittitas County (Ellensburg). He is running for the WA House of Representatives in District 13, Position 2. Hinkle was appointed to the Pipeline Safety Task Force after the deadly Bellingham pipeline explosion. The Task Force recommended that a state agency be established to better monitor the pipelines in the state because the Federal agency was inefficient and weak. Hinkle was the only one out of thirteen members to vote against having the state establish an agency to monitor pipeline safety. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Ed Hinkle's campaign.

Janea Holmquist is a Republican running for election in District 13, Position 1. She previously was appointed the position when it was vacated by Republican Joyce Mulliken. Holmquist was an assistant to Mulliken. According to the Association of Washington Businesses (AWB), in 2002, Holmquist voted 92% of the time in line with the AWB and only 15% in line with the Washington State Labor Council. Holmquist was one of only 10 (out of 98) House legislators to vote against HB 1248, which provided unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence or stalking. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Janea Holmquist's campaign.

Brad Owen, a Democrat won reelection to the Lieutenant Governor position in 2000. Owen previously held the Senate seat now held by Tim Sheldon. Owen was rated the 5th best politician in state government for the building industry by the BIAW. The Teamsters had signs calling Brad Owen a false Democrat for his votes while in the Senate. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Brad Owen's campaign.

Tim Sheldon is a Democrat Senator from the 35th District up for reelection. Sheldon was rated the second best politician for the building industry by the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW). Sheldon had a dismal 37% correct vote with the WSLC in 2002 and has an overall 32% voting record with the Labor Council. Sheldon has by far the lowest pro labor voting record of any Democrat. Even some Republicans have a better voting record with labor than Tim Sheldon. Kevin O'Sullivan contributed $100 to Tim Sheldon's campaign.



Overview of Kevin O'Sullivan

Political Contributors to O'Sullivan

Kevin O'Sullivan appears to be taking the same political path as Brad Owen and Tim Sheldon. This smooth path is paved and paid for by the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW), Realtors, and Republicans. "The Olympian," a contributor to the Thurston Affordable Housing Council, which is a PAC associated with the BIAW, continues to provide favorable coverage for all three Building Industry supported politicians.

Political Contributions by O'Sullivan

Kevin O'Sullivan's contributions to candidates are revealing. In the non-partisan races, he tends to favor the

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(O'Sullivan, continued)

more conservative candidate. He favored Darby over Weber, Tsalaky over Valenzuela, Mah over Johnson, and Telford over Dickinson.

In 1999 and again in 2000, the House was in a 49-49 tie between Democrats and Republicans. "The Olympian" ran an article last year that talked about O'Sullivan helping his brother, Brian Sullivan (Kevin added the O'), campaign for a House seat up north to break that tie. The article even had a picture of O'Sullivan and Sullivan walking door to door (in yet another favorable photo shot by "The Olympian") and wrote, "both know the importance of the race and its impact on control in state government and are campaigning hard." Brian Sullivan did win his race and the Democrats now have a slight edge in the House. However, O'Sullivan subsequently made contributions and gave support this year to three Republicans in the House of Representatives. O'Sullivan's undermining contributions to Republicans this year could help change the advantage to Republicans. "The Olympian" has yet to report the contributions of O'Sullivan to Republican candidates.

Labor and O'Sullivan

The fact that a handful of unions support O'Sullivan is unfortunate. A number of O'Sullivan's donors like the BIAW, Realtors, Republicans, and other businesses are strongly anti-union. The BIAW has been extremely shrill and persistent in their efforts to derail any ergonomic standards, which would protect workers from injuries on the job. The BIAW filed a lawsuit in conjunction with other business interests against the state for ergonomic standards.

The BIAW also lobbies against prevailing wages, unemployment insurance benefits and other items that benefit workers.

The Environment and O'Sullivan

O'Sullivan's vote to allow an asphalt plant at the quarry off Littlerock Road was an extremely bad vote. He was the only Commissioner to vote for the asphalt plant. The neighbors directly next to the Plant were of course naturally opposed to an asphalt plant. And because the proposed plant is near Black Lake, the Black River, and the Refuge Area, many people who visit and enjoy the area were outraged that an asphalt plant would be allowed near a refuge of all places. The owners of the quarry were practically alone in wanting the asphalt plant. O'Sullivan voted for the interests of business over the interests of the people.

Yet O'Sullivan pushed hard to close the Thurston County landfill supposedly because of the adverse impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Why the concern for the impact of the landfill, which has been there for years and no concern for a new toxic asphalt plant in a sacred area? In the case of the landfill, the building industry and business in general wanted it closed down. O'Sullivan's financial supporters from the Master Builders, i.e. the Building Industry Association of Washington (with their PAC the Thurston County Affordable Housing Council) were particularly active in pushing to close the landfill.

The Vicwood Group, a Hong Kong based association of companies that includes Weyerhaeuser, was in the process of developing a 1,153 acre "planned community" complete with a golf course. Michael Massoth, the local Vicwood representative and President of the Lacey Chamber of Commerce and Doug DeForest of the Master Builders (a BIAW affiliate) led the efforts in the business community to enhance the private investments in the properties near the landfill. A lawsuit using an attorney from a large, building industry friendly, law firm was filed against the County and the Landfill management company. O'Sullivan pushed for the closure of the landfill as Commissioner, going so far as to say he would testify against the County in the lawsuit. The landfill was closed early and the lawsuit eventually was settled for 8.5 million dollars.

Final Words

O'Sullivan's campaign flyer in the mail shows the good neighbor photo opportunities cultivated by O'Sullivan with the Deschutes logjam, the Nisqually earthquake, and the Carolyn Beach erosion. O'Sullivan states in the ad that he "enjoys getting out and helping people" better than the "politics, meetings or the day-to-day operations of government." As voters, perhaps we should take him at his word. Vote O'Sullivan out of office and he will have more time to help people. Perhaps he could arrange a work crew for a different neighborhood each week. He can start with the neighborhood next to the proposed asphalt plan that he voted for. Let's allow O'Sullivan to do what he most enjoys and have someone else make the important votes and run the day-to-day operations of government.

BEFORE YOU FORGET, SUBSCRIBE! SEE PAGE 2

Top ten reasons to vote Bob MacLeod for Thurston County Commissioner on September 17th

- Bob MacLeod is a true moderate. He listens to all sides and plays no favorites regardless of money or political influence.
- MacLeod's qualities of gentleness, thoughtfulness, and honesty will be a relief to all, and, without doubt, he will build and maintain respectful relationships necessary to getÿ"the people's business done".
- Bob MacLeod, a graduate of the University of Washington, is well known and respected for his research-based decisions.
- As the news director of KGY, MacLeod spent 27 years reporting on governmental affairs and providing analysis of local issues. This has given him special knowledge of current problems in relation to the history of the South Sound region.
- Unlike his opponent, MacLeod is a "work horse, not a show horse". In a low key and quiet manner, he creates "solutions, not headlines".
- He has proven visionary leadership skills. As an original Community Youth Services board member, MacLeod was instrumental in carefully building the successful child-focused organization.
- Thurston County spent $3.6 million in reserves due to less than expected revenues for fiscal year 2002. Bob MacLeod's election is essential for the Thurston County Commission to work toward decisions that will equitably and reasonably resolve the financial shortfall. (His opponent has already simplistically made his decision: no cuts to roads or police. It is easy to see that such an action would unacceptably hamper other county services.)
- Bob McLeod is endorsed by the following public officials: Secretary of State Sam Reed (former Thurston Co. Auditor); Senator Karen Fraser (former Thurston Co. Commissioner); Tumwater Mayor Ralph Osgood; and Olympia City Council member Curt Pavola.
- The following former Thurston County Commissioners also endorse him: Les Eldridge; Judy Wilson; Marj Yune; George Barner; Dick Nichols; and Linda Metcalf.
- MacLeod is endorsed by other former public officials: Holly Gadbaw and Bob Jacobs (Olympia City Council); Ann Clifton (Thurston County Assessor); and Jolene Unsoeld (US Congressional Representative)
- Lastly, and most important for those who do not know Bob MacLeod, he is not Kevin O'Sulllivan. Rather than a politician, Bob MacLeod, a learned man, is an "active citizen" coming forward to give voters an acceptable choice.

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OTTO REICH, U.S. Assist. Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs

Nancy West

You may not be aware of this, especially if you only watch the mainstream press. And it certainly isn't very exciting—not compared to waiting for Bush to start dropping the bombs on Iraq (Oops! He's already doing that, isn't he?) to take out Saddam. But, recently there was an election in Bolivia. And Otto Reich, our Bush Bad Boy of the month was very influential in the outcome.

Early CIA convert

Reich, born in Cuba to a transplanted Austrian father and a Cuban mother, was just 14 years old when his parents uprooted him and moved to the U.S. where they took up residence in Charlotte, North Carolina. While attending University, he was selected by a CIA agent who specialized in disinformation operations to become his willing and able student. Reich participated in the Freedom House project, supposedly a pro-democratic, which was an invention of the CIA.

After graduation, Reich a new U.S. citizen eagerly entered the army and for two years was stationed in Panama, the center of the counterinsurgency movement. In 1972 Reich moved to Miami, the CIA's base for anti-Cuba operations, where he became involved with the right-wing Cuban-Americans community.

Today Reich is the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs. A recent assignment was to take a warning from the U.S. government to Bolivia. It seems that the U.S. threatened the withdrawal of aid if the Bolivian Congress were to appoint the socialist Evo Morales. Needless to say, the rightwing ex-president Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozado has been appointed.

Reich, who under Reagan was the Ambassador to Venezuela, has also been involved in the recent coup against the democratically elected president of Venezuelan, Hugo Chavez. In fact, the Bush administration representatives admitted that on the morning of the coup, Reich had a phone conversation with the coup lotters. (A couple of Chavez' sins include befriending the U.S.'s oldest living foe, Fidel Castro and that Chavez favors increasing OPEC's oil prices at a time that supplies are threatened by Middle East developments.) Coup plotters including Carmona, Chavez' intended replacement, were guests at the White House where the details of the coup were discussed including timing and chance for success. The coup came about after clashes and gunfire between Chavez opponents and supporters. It was even suggested by Reich, although without supporting evidence, that the attacks were carried out by Cuban gunmen. Carmona was installed as president but Chavez with the help of some military faithfuls was returned to the presidency two days later. Stay tuned. This one is definitely not over yet.

he was more than willing to "carry out the covert strategy of the Reagan administration to crush the Sandinista government in Nicaragua."

Beyond acceptable activities

During the Nicaraguan Contra War, as the head of Reagan's Office of Public Diplomacy, he was ultimately responsible for false news stories and other forms of propaganda created in an effort to undermine support for the democratically elected, but left-leaning, Sandinista government. In 1987 the Comptroller-General of the U.S. found that Reich had gone beyond what was considered "acceptable agency public information activities".

Possibly one of Reich's greatest goals is the overthrow of the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro. Over the years, Reich has supported the efforts of terrorists and anti-Castro organizations. Two close contacts of Reich, Luis Posada Carriles and Orlando Bosch are responsible for, among other things, the deaths of 73 passengers aboard the Cubana Airlines plane that exploded in flight in 1976. Bosch also admitted in a May 3, 1977 New Times interview that he was responsible for more than 50 attacks executed by the Commando of Revolutionary Organizations (CORU).

While U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela, Reich's primary purpose was to find a way to secure the release of Bosch and he did so; obtaining a court order, a visa and preparing the way for his departure to Miami his adopted home.

Hopefully, this brief biography has helped the reader to know more about our Bush-appointed U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

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The Pirate Radio Security State:
Free Radio Olympia Self Destructs

by George Sativa

It was over a month ago now that 91.3 FM, Free Radio Olympia (FRO), was perturbed into going off the air thanks to a visit from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

I was in the studio doing the "Space Blanket" show with my compatriot DJ Lounge when we were paid a visit by the curious denizens of the federal agency entrusted with management of the ether. The FCC reps were not violent in any way, nor did they bear any visible weapons, although the woman in charge of the visit was wearing a polyester cheetah shirt.

The initial impact of the visit was enough to throw the next meeting of FRO into a state of shock. Suspicions were roused, as were fears. None of us were professional politicos, or DJs for that matter. The usual high-security approach to our whole endeavor was challenged due to the fact that the security of the station had been compromised; we had been located, and an order given to stop broadcasting or risk fees.

Any station taking the risks of FRO (e.g., more chaos than KAOS) needs take out some insurance policy. That is to say, a love-based cooperative pirate endeavor such as this must have strong community ties and clearly serve some special need in the community, and must not maintain a paranoid insecurity state where all radio station participants are viewed as potential "leaks" to the FCC. After all, the biggest leak of all is the ten foot metal pole sticking out of your garage!

The whole attitude of "competition" with authority, "doing battle" with the restrictive bureaucracy of the FCC, or even the subtle competition between volunteers at the radio station — these are the very attitudes that we need to transcend if a compassionate force is to be engendered within the community.

For the next independent group who wishes to engage in such an endeavor, a legal investigation of the history of pirate radio stations will show that the successful ones are highly open in their structure (meeting at a local laundromat for instance.)

I take it on faith that if a low-power community radio station can gain reliable participation and adapt to fill a special role within the community, it basically becomes a legally unstoppable force.

I reexamined this approach to the next band of would-be pirates: don't live in fear. Censorship is the most absurd thing. The pirate radio DJ imagines one's self to be past censorship, yet paradoxically we are censoring ourselves. By remaining a small and "secure" group, we are censoring the very community we are to serve by the oratorical role "volunteer DJ".

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(Asphalt, continued)

The county tried to use the bridge project as an excuse to turn neighborhood Kuhlman Road into the first part of a "connector" highway in the valley. A 1995 AAA map indicates Kuhlman Road was to be extended through the (county $2.4 million protected) farmland to freeway entrance/exit 114. The main beneficiary of this would have been heavy truck traffic to and from Holroyd's gravel pit, the proposed site for a Lakeside Industries **asphalt plant.** This road redesign would have bisected the square mile of farmland the county paid to "protect". Only expensive legal action, paid mostly by two Nisqually neighbors, prevented this.

After the 1996 flood, many neighbors were either denied the right to replace permanent homes on their lots, or, had to elevate existing homes several feet off the ground. One neighbor sold a previously inundated lot to nearby Holroyd's Gravel Pit. This lot was immediately partially filled without permit with overburden form the pit. Instead of stopping this, the county gave indication of a double standard by issuing a MDNS permit to allow placing an additional 10,000 cubic yards of fill on this lot. *The Friends of the Nisqually Valley appealed this.* (The gravel pit withdrew their request four days before the appeal hearing.)

The county, more recently, allowed 500 yards of fill without permit to be dumped on (1996 inundated) commercial property at 6th and Old Pacific Highway. After 800 yards were dumped, a neighbor complained and the county temporarily halted it. They have now given a SEPA permit to dump several thousand yards of fill. This property is next to a residential neighbothood that also flooded in 1996.

About two years ago, industrial greenhouses at the entrance to the freeway were allowed to double. These greenhouses were also inundated in 1996. Is this another double standard example? Matbe. Only one neighbor, 300 yards away, was informed this was going to happen.

In the **summer of 1999**, the county first gave Lakeside Industries an MDNS permit to put an **asphalt plant** in ecologically sensitive Nisqually Valley. Very few neighbors were informed about this. Most nearby residents found out about it, when told from door to door, from the few that were informed.

Friends of Nisqually appealed the county permit and testified in opposition to the proposed plant at the County SEPA hearing, which covered parts of three days **October and November 2000.** Many also testified at two public "permitting hearings" in November 2000. We do not want this heavy industry plant in out rural residential neighborhood of several hundred people. We live in an ecologically sensitive valley that often fills with fog and dormant air.

The Hearing Examiner ruled **against** "The Friends" and for Lakeside on **April 20, 2001.** This ruling was appealed by "The Friends", the Nisqually Native Americans and by the county, itself. The County Commissioners unanimously reversed the Hearing Examiner on September 17, 2001. Lakeside recently appealed the Thurston County ruling to Mason County and on June 22, 2002 the County Commissioners decision was reversed. This Mason County decision was appealed by Thurston County, the Native Americans and The Friends of Nisqually Valley. Lakeside also appealed to be allowed to reprocess used asphalt at the pit. This case will be heard in Tacoma in a few months.

If you agree that there is a need for "Friends of Nisqually Valley, please consider being one. Please support us with your voice and your assets. Encourage your neighbors to send a check to the address on the top of this advisory. We have spent many hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars ($17,200) to oppose industrializing our valley. Some ($3000) in additional funds still need to be collected. The continued legal fight has raised expenses to over $20,000. A handful of neighbors can't do this alone. Please do what you can to help keep this neighborhood a pleasant place to live. You can contact them at PO Box 3372 Olympia, WA 98509

A Summer with TULIPs

by Sherry Y. Bell

Summertime is for vacations and backyard parties, on July 19, 2002 there was just that. The best back yard party in town was given by TULIP. If you happened to have missed it let me share first that Thurston Union of Low Income People is a group of people who live in Thurston County with an annual income of $35,000 or less. Five long years of hoop-jumping by many compassionate people who believed that having a credit union for those of us who deserve equal treatment, is needed. Along with having a credit union, they also offered the TULIP CLUB, which has education on financial literacy and credit union support.

Ah, back to the TULIP party. There was a live band playing at the entrance of a garden at the Fertile Ground Guest House. As you walk though to the back yard there was this bountiful summer time table, which sat under a large tree, full of foods donated by the community. Clancy's Columbia Street House manager Rick Wilson along with his fabulous Chief Arthur Horner made a pasta salad (I ask to see it on their menu) and what would a summer party be without a keg, but one from the Fish Tail Pub! While we were eating and sharing, Kitty Koppelman, a key volunteer and project coordinator introduced herself along with many community supporters. From The Washington State Employees Credit Union (who will be providing financial management services for operating the credit union), vice president of community relations Will Rance, Board members Barbara O'Neill and Tomas Sandoval, and CEO Kevin Foster-Keddie attended. We are in good hands with Washington State.

To enhance our interest, The TULIP Club Supporters was represented by Elizabeth Grindley from Consumer Credit Counseling, Monica Peabody from Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition along with Pat Tassoni for the Tenants Union, and Lisa Smith for Enterprise for Equity. With all this push to reassure each of us that TULIP is hoping to be opening its doors by the first of the year. What a way to start the New Year! Once it opens, you are all welcome to make TULIP your Credit Union. TULIP will be at the East Side Co-op. There will be an ATM to service your financial needs. Having shared with you that great party please don't miss out on TULIP's grand opening.

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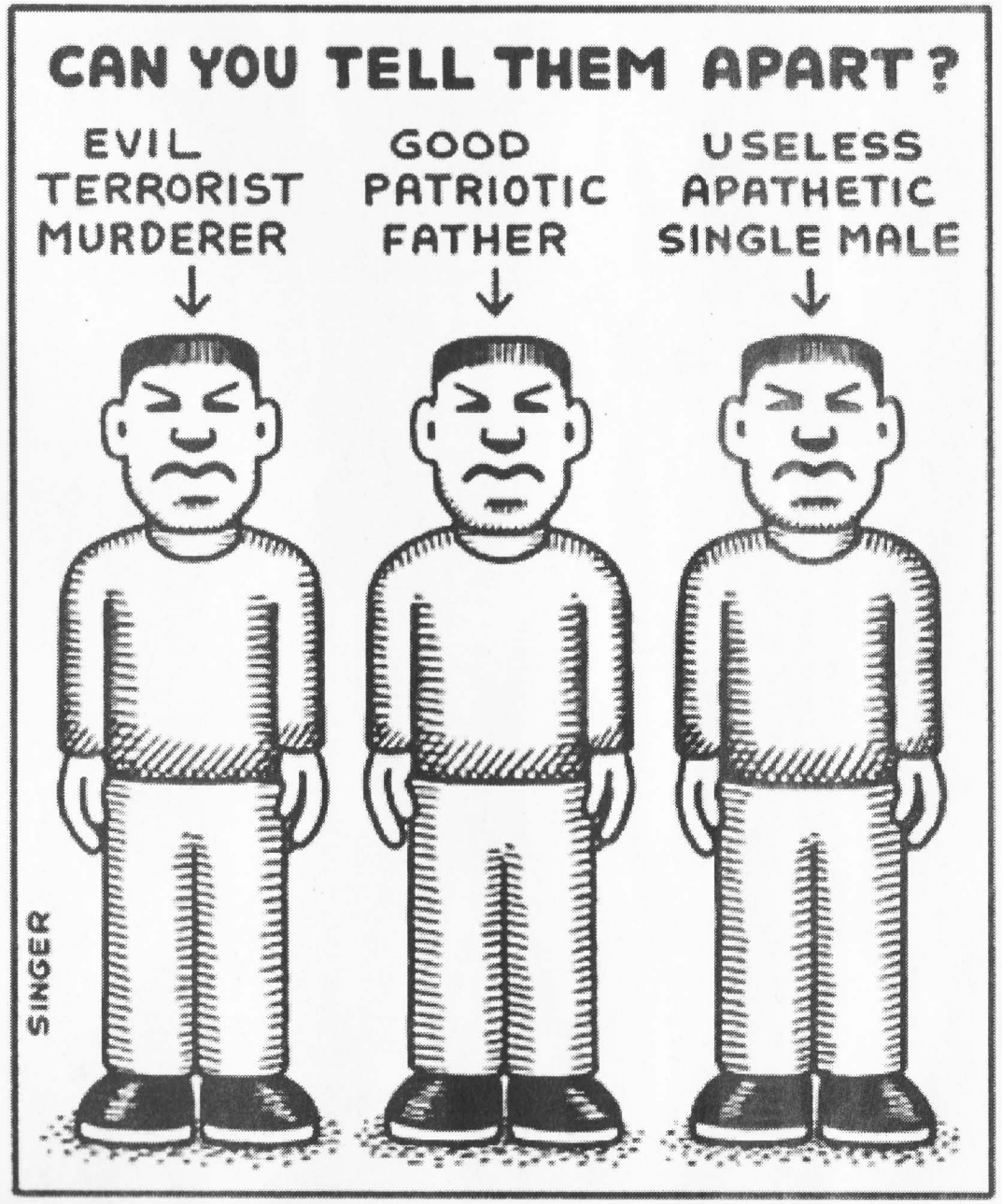

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TOP TEN POLICE EXCUSES FOR PEPPERSPRAYING INFANTS!
UHHH!
STOP BEING SUCH A BABY ABOUT IT!
TEN: WANTED TO BE FAIR.
IF I ONLY BRUTALIZED ADULTS, THAT WOULD BE DISCRIMINATION!
NINE: BABY WAS GIVING COPS LIP...
GA GOO! GA FASCIST PIGS! AA!
EIGHT: BABY? WHAT BABY?
SEVEN: IT WAS A TERRORIST BABY!
BABY WUVS AL QAEDA!
SIX: COP MISTOOK PEPPER SPRAY FOR A NICE LOLLIPOP.
OOPS!
FIVE: JUST DOESN'T LIKE BABIES.
THEY SMELL FUNNY.
FOUR: BABY WAS A REPORTER.
THREE: SHOOTING INNOCENT BLACKS HAS GROWN STALE.
I NEED FOR GR
TWO: BABY GAVE COP NO CHOICE!
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